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Floral Tribute

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October Address List

The list of Headquarters, Regions, Areas and Houses of Toc H, which normally appears in this the October issue, will not be published until November.

STOP PRESS

Following our article in September on the Westminster Abbey Fair we have to report that in the three weeks it was open our shop on Tower Hill sold over £1,600-worth of the surplus goods to City workers and tourists. Final figure for the Abbey stall will be known next month.

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COVER PICTURE: OUT OF THE POOL! Before setting off on his solo voyage round the world, Toc H member Francis Chichester, and his yacht *Gipsy Moth IV*, came up to Tower Pier. He and Mrs. Chichester are here seen with Tubby, who conducted a service of blessing upon the enterprise.

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INTO THE POOL

IT HAS ALWAYS been our pride that our Membership Records department, lovingly tended by BILL DAVIES for many years, and more recently by 'FERGIE', contained the complete mem-

Broken Records

bership history of every member who ever was. Any enquiry however far back, could be answered in a twinkling. But times must change. The mounting mass of nearly fifty years of card indexes conflicts with the needs for the economic use of space recommended in the MALHAN Report, and we have had to destroy all record cards going back more than eight years.

A WELSH SUPPORTER at Twickenham remarked to his companion, when an English player was carried off the field: "I do hope it's not trivial". May the same sentiment apply to

Practising the Gospel

the kind of service our Branches render to their neighbourhood these days. If anyone doubts the immense scope there is for deep involvement he should read *The Caring Community*, a handbook issued by the Central Churches Group of the National Council of Social Service, 26 Bedford Square, London, W.C.1, price 2s. It might have been written by Toc H; it might have been written for Toc H. Its stress on the importance of properly assessing the local situation at the outset, and the way it commends good training and selection is sheer 'jobmastery'; the opportunities for good neighbourliness suggested—to the lonely, the housebound, immigrants, ex-prisoners and former mental patients are much in line with the letter sent recently by our Vice-Patron to all Branch Chairmen. As the handbook remarks: "This [caring] church believes that the informed and intelligent service which they try to give is preaching the Gospel in the language of friend-

ship and compassion which all understand and need to hear. Church structures get in the way. Meetings and activities in many of our churches have become an end in themselves and prevent us being the 'Servant-Church'. Glory be, they're playing our music! Let's hope we're listening.

"AND SOME HAVE greatness thrust upon them" . . . Such a one is VIC MARTIN, of Warden Manor fame. A lot of us have known for a very long time Vic's passionate enthusiasm

**Signal
Success**

for railways, and now suddenly the quite unique model railway he has developed during his retirement has become national news. Within the space of a few months there has been an article in *The People* and a far better one, excellently illustrated, in the August number of *She*; Pathé have filmed it, and back in August millions must have seen Vic and his railway in the B.B.C. television programme, *Twenty-Four Hours*, when Vic gave a real star performance. We hope one day to get Vic's own story for the JOURNAL.

TOC H IS REPRESENTED on the Central Council of the "Wireless for the Bedridden" Society, and no doubt on many of its local committees as well. But some of our Branches may be

**Boon for the
Bedridden**

unaware of the splendid work the Society does in providing wireless and television sets not only for bedridden and housebound invalids but for the aged poor as well. In cases of extreme hardship they will provide the Wireless Licence too. Anyone wishing to help, or interested to know more, should write to the Society's central office at 20 Wimpole Street, London, W.1, for the booklet entitled *You Could Be in the Picture!*

ONE COULD BE FORGIVEN often for thinking that architects of our public buildings must be slightly dotty. They seem to enjoy putting a few steps for us to go up here so that we

**Public
Inconveniences**

have a few more steps to go down there, and some of the doors may look very imposing but it needs the strength of a Samson to open them. The Disabled Living Activities Group of the Central Council for the Disabled has launched a campaign by which it hopes to ensure that wherever possible the difficulties of the handicapped are considered in designing future public buildings, and even when it comes to the simple matter of roadside kerbs. For the campaign they are using a Government leaflet, *Access to Public Buildings for the Disabled*, which members may like to get from the D.L.A.G. at 38 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1 (tel: Abbey 7487), and use to bring influence to bear locally.

A Matter of Confidence

HUBERT SECRETAN

A former Hon. Administrator of Toc H, Hubert Secretan, C.B.E., unable to attend the Central Council, sent some thoughts about the future of the Movement, and we are glad to give wider circulation to them now.

AT THE PRESENT TIME Toc H is in the midst of something of a financial crisis, and it seems to me that behind the financial crisis lies another—a kind of crisis of confidence in Toc H. I have the feeling that it is not at all sure what its future ought to be in practical terms. If that is so it is not a matter for bellyaching but for trying to understand what has happened to Toc H and so to discover how to release the energy and loyalty which are undoubtedly latent in the Movement.

I write from the touchline, but if what I say is out of date there is at least some experience of the game behind it. I venture to stress three points.

1. Toc H, certainly up to its coming of age, operated against the background of the first world war. The generation that had survived it felt a compelling obligation to attempt as best they could what their lost friends, the very flower of their generation, could have done so much better, to make a worthier and more Christian society. (The same kind of motive did not possess in the same way the survivors of the second war, for reasons which are not even now fully understood, though one can sense some of them.) With the passing of that first generation Toc H is losing something which was vital to its original growth and is not now replaceable in kind.

2. Many of the things that Toc H pioneered have now become common currency. One could develop this at length but perhaps it is enough to instance the successful use of the Christian stewardship idea, which owes

a lot to Toc H, the current ecumenical climate, towards the early stages of which Toc H made its own contribution, and the considerable lessening of class barriers which Toc H valiantly attempted in days when such efforts were not easy and sometimes suspect. (There are class barriers today, but they have become occupational in character and are no longer the product of birth and social status. Perhaps we ought to be tackling those.) As a result Toc H, partly through what it itself has accomplished, no longer stands out as something unique. I think one must realise that this lessens its attraction for adventurous minds.

3. For various reasons Toc H has developed over the years a habit pattern and I think it has got on top of some of us. In fact some Branches have become habit bound and so have lost much of the attractiveness of spontaneity. Perhaps when people tilt at the 'establishment' of headquarters it might not be a bad thing to turn round and see whether they have not a little 'establishment' of their own in the Branch.

Now if there is any grain of truth in these three things, they are each in their own way inhibiting the release of the Toc H spirit for new tasks. The first is irrecoverable but has value as a memory and a tradition. For the second we should surely rejoice and go on to ask what is the next job. The third is a matter for some heart-searching. Possibly young volunteers and projects are the beginning of the breakthrough to a new pattern, but how to wean their energies from the particular task to the larger vision? It may be that the older Branch pattern cannot cope and that we must look for new and more flexible ways of grouping.

All this may appear very negative but I want to suggest what seems to me to be an urgent pioneering task. It may well require new techniques, certainly some new thinking, quite possibly some rather costly efforts to get alongside men where they are. Anyhow let me try to express what is in my mind.

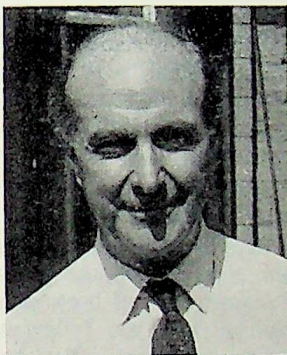
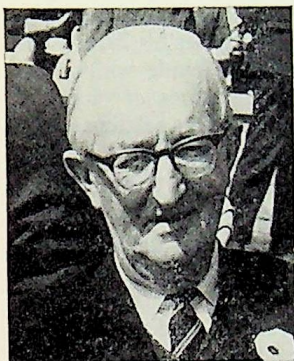
Peter Monie rightly held that Toc H must face both ways, that there must be space under its roof for both the Upper Room and Everyman's Club. The Everyman of those days was not usually greatly troubled by difficulties of belief. There were of course intellectual doubters and sceptics but, broadly speaking, the truth of Christianity was accepted if often taken as read. No, if Everyman of those days stood aside from the churches it was mainly for one of two reasons. Either he felt he wasn't good enough to pretend to the Christian way of life, or what he had seen of some churchgoers put him off as priggish and self-righteous. (All my Oxford and Bermondsey Club experience bears this out and it is the theme of much of Donald Hankey).

What Is Credible?

Everyman of today is quite different. His difficulty is that the scientific and technological background of his life, the more perhaps if it is background and not personal knowledge of scientific ways of thought, cries out that the Christian story is incredible. No doubt the moral difficulty remains but this stop in men's minds is something new and has somehow to be met. If Everyman turns to the churches he finds Christ enclosed in creeds and formularies, clothed in the thought forms of another age utterly remote from his own, to which he cannot honestly conform. One must distinguish here between those who have been brought up in a church atmosphere, and who by long habitude do not find that these things obscure the reality behind, and the typical Everyman of today who has lost contact with such background. It is just this Everyman who desperately needs assurance that the heart of the universe is personal and that his own life can find a purpose linked with it. He is far from happy in the superficial materialism that shrieks at him from every poster and dominates so much of the society in which he moves. What he knows of Christ he respects, but he cannot give his life to a myth. He is in fact, to use John MacMurray's phrase, a Christian agnostic.

Here is the modern Christian frontier and its penetration is vital. It cries out for pioneers who can approach the problem pragmatically. Surely that is the kind of approach that Toc H from its history should be fitted to make. But it is a new situation and will demand fresh imagination. We have got to try to understand the predicament of modern Everyman. And in the light of this understanding we have got to look at the relevance of what we say and do. Have we become too introverted? Do we tend to regard Toc H as just another grouping of church members? Can we find ways of getting alongside Everyman where he is and not in the sheltered atmosphere of the Toc H room?

The modern Everyman will not be convinced by theological argument. He needs, against the scientific background of the day, the application of a scientific test by taking part in an experiment in living and being convinced that it works. Might it not be that here lies the future job that might recover for Toc H its pioneering spirit?



HONOURABLE RETIREMENT: Jack Shaw (left), Manchester and North Western Area Secretary, left the staff on July 31; Geoff Martin, Overseas, Services and Old House Secretary, retires on November 30. Both have our gratitude for their many years of devoted service, at home and abroad.

State of the Nation

V — The Wasted Years?

'TOLPUDDLE'

IN JANUARY 1950 I sat in the Central Hall, Westminster, one of a gathering comprising members of Trade Union Executive Committees—1,542 men and women, all key people from 161 T.U.C. Affiliated Organisations. This was a Special Conference and the General Council of the T.U.C. made a number of recommendations asking that agreed wage rates should be held "whilst the Interim Index of Retail Prices remains between upper and lower limits of 118 and 106".

The Council also indicated that it would intensify a campaign for increased productivity and more efficiency in industry. It urged too that "regard be had to the general economic problems necessitating rigorous restraint", attaching to this a proviso that special regard be given to the possibility of "assisting lower-paid workers by the establishment of incentive schemes". The Council suggested that "a review should be made within each industry with a view to extending systems of payments by results over the widest possible range, relating wages to output".

All this happened sixteen years ago but the pattern is very similar to 1966: sixteen wasted years?

It was also said by the Council, after talking about the "gravity of the present economic situation", that "devaluation has been adopted as an alternative to deflation". This was followed by further profound words: "The dangerous inflationary tendencies which devaluation inevitably intensifies, must be counteracted by vigorous restraints upon all increases of wages, salaries and dividends."

Another paragraph in the recommendations reads: "The General Council are emphatic that, whilst it is the responsibility of Unions themselves to operate the wages policy, Unions nevertheless must pay regard to the realities of the economic situation in framing their policy now recommended by the General Council."

Much of this would certainly appear to fit into the pronouncements we are hearing today, as indeed would some of the speeches of sixteen years ago. The then General Secretary of the T.U.C., Vincent Tewson, said: "We must look at the question of the wage structure . . . This grabbing of pennies and halfpennies by the different organisations, often in competition with each other, is absurd and fifty years out of date. . . ."

Lincoln Evans (Iron and Steel Trades Confederation), a member of the General Council, said: "We are faced with two alternatives; either to try to use all the influence we possess to maintain some degree of price stability in this country, or to go along in our traditional way . . . with everybody scratching for the greatest advantage he can get according to the strength of his own bargaining position. We tried that way in 1920, and you know where it landed us. Twenty-five years have gone by since then, and are we to confess publicly to the world that within twenty-five years the Trade Union Movement has learned nothing?"

Strong speeches were made both in favour of and in opposition to wages restraint; the recommendations of the General Council were carried by a relatively small majority, on a card vote.

Within a short period there followed, and I quote from the now defunct *News Chronicle*, statements by leaders of major unions, amongst them the Secretary of the Confederation of Ship-building and Engineering Unions, who said: "Our £1 claim, it must come as high as any." Sir William Lowther, for the miners, said: "Coal tops the list—we are demanding 15s. more for 400,000 of Britain's lowest paid mineworkers." An

N.U.R. leader was reported as saying: "We are pressing for a £5 minimum for the lowest paid grades." From the General Secretary of the Post Office Workers: "We have 50,000 workers earning less than £5 per week. Our claims have top priority."

There was great sympathy for the statements, as so many were certainly underpaid, but the pattern was that the major Unions were jockeying for 'priority' positions and the question must be put, sixteen years later, "Is there not good evidence that the 'big battalions' such as Transport and General Workers and U.S.D.A.W. today will stand in a similar position and, by virtue of their very size, demand to be "first in the queue"? What machinery will be used if the recommendation of the present day T.U.C. General Council is set aside?

All this is about *wages* but it must be remembered that *salaries* are now very much in the same category with so many black coated Unions within the T.U.C. Over the same sixteen years, profits would appear to have been out of reason and this, without doubt, is a major factor that no Union leader can ignore. On profits it is relevant to point out that many trades unionists have what would appear to be a very germane argument that wages and salaries increases are to be *refused* whilst it would appear that profits are only to be *frozen*, and the Union leaders rightly ask: "Are the extra profits to be banked, or held until the time is propitious for their being handed out?"

On prices, despite exhortations from the Government, there is much evidence that there have been many price rises in recent months and even today they are continuing. This all adds up to the fact that the nation is again confronted with an economic situation which has created great division. Have the years been wasted after all: cannot real community sense prevail and a real solution be hammered out?

Toc H stands in a unique position as one, if not the only, organisation where people of all kinds meet together

—management and employees—and it is urged that all its members will be reasonable in their approach.

History has a habit of repeating itself and herein lies the need for every effort being made to find a just way out of yet another economic crisis. We are not alone in this situation; others in many lands are having the balance of payments difficulties. The British have a reputation for hard-headed thinking: never was the need greater than now.

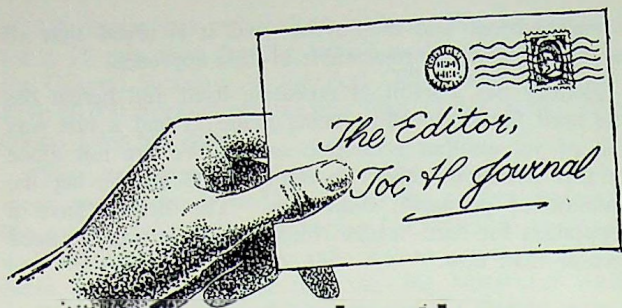
Personal Accident and Public Liability Insurance

THIS INSURANCE has now been in operation for just over five years and at present nearly eight thousand members, probationers and helpers of Toc H are covered.

Since the inception of the scheme some seventeen claims have been settled by the insurance company concerned and the total sum paid in compensation amounts to £1,700. This claim history is impressive and we suggest that all those involved in the work of Toc H men's and women's Branches should be covered under the scheme thus avoiding any financial hardship which might be caused by an accident.

Branch Officers are asked to note that the annual premium is only 1s. 2d. for each member, probationer or voluntary helper, and the insurance applies while they are engaged on the activities of the Movement in the United Kingdom, including travel to and from their place of residence in connection therewith.

Names of the members, etc., are not required, only the number joining from the Branch, with a remittance at the rate of 1s. 2d. per head. Full details can be obtained from the Finance Secretary, Toc H Headquarters, 15 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3.



...communication...

The Editor welcomes letters on all matters concerning Toc H and asks that they be written briefly and to the point

"Mark Times"

WHAT DELIGHTFUL contributions (articles is too formal a word) Geoffrey Batchelar made to the June and July issues—a reflection, surely, of that warmth and friendliness a very shy lad of eighteen found at one of the London Marks—oh so many years ago.

I had intended that this letter should be entirely uncontroversial, but now I feel I must at least hint at something which may promote a little discussion.

Ought Toc H to be financing people whose parents have been able to send their boy to a public school? Oughtn't we to be quite sure that they themselves are giving all the support they can to their son, as we were told that money became available for his stay in the Mark "because others were paying more than the average". What would have happened if the

others had not been, and what is the policy today?

J. DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK

Solihull.

[Reg Peters, Hon. Marks Commissioner, writes: "Douglas Kirkpatrick's letter might possibly be read as suggesting we eliminate the "Mixture of Men" element that Marks aim to secure. There are wealthier Marksmen than many ex-public school boys whose parents may have had to make considerable sacrifice.

The self-assessment principle is still alive in the Marks but, as in the Movement elsewhere, the urge today to "bear one another's burdens" in the financial sense is less strong. But we are not without hope that we can build up this essential aspect of the full meaning of Toc H."]

"Senile Delinquency"

IN HIS challenging article under the amusing title "Senile Delinquency in Toc H", John Callf reminds us that Branch meetings seldom produce real encounters between young and old, and asks whether older folk are as good as they used to be in taking trouble to cultivate worth-while relationships with youngsters.

On the very day that copies of the July JOURNAL containing John's article were being distributed I happened to be at the London Mansion House listening to Sir John Wolfenden addressing the annual meeting of the National Association of Youth Clubs on much the same theme.

Space would not permit even a summary of Sir John's brilliant address, but as a post-script to the JOURNAL article it may be helpful to the "senile delinquents" among us if I pass on a very brief quote.

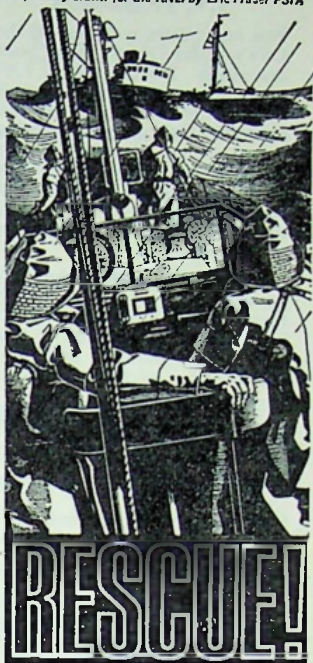
"We have got to try, in our imagination and sympathy, to learn about the real values of life for a twenty-year-old", he said. "We have got to 'be our age' and try to be something like centres of reason, intelligence and stability inside this bubbling ferment. It is no use *pretending* to be intelligent, stable, mature—because all young people have X-ray eyes.

"We have got to *learn* something, to *do* something and to *be* something if we are to be of any help in trying to make sense of what it is to be growing up in a world framed in ferment."

COLIN WINTLE

Press Adviser to Toc H.

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T.V. Programmes

FOR SOME TIME members of the Offa's Dyke District have been discussing B.B.C. and I.T.V. programmes, and in particular the amount of sex and violence in them. They feel that during the past few months far too much of this type of play or film has been broadcast and can only have a detrimental effect on the minds and morals of our young people.

They propose taking the matter up with their M.P.s, asking them to use their influence to bring about a clean-up of this type of programme, and they ask Branches of a like mind to do the same.

FRED JAMES

Chirk.

Malta Recalled

I WAS THRILLED to find displayed in All Hallows a parch-

ment I prepared whilst on the wartime Toc H staff in Malta. This commemorates the visit of the Captain and members of the crew of H.M.S. *Anson* to a Toc H Guest-night there, en route for Japanese waters, shortly before V.J. Day. Among the signatories are Captain, now Admiral, Madden; Padre Davies, then D.A.C.G. in the area; that wonderful friend of Toc H, Sir Maxwell Maxwell - Anderson; Padre Tom Ashton (now Rector of Sandringham and Chaplain to Her Majesty the Queen); the Master-at-Arms, Bob Hanson; the famous Jumper Collins, and several boy ratings. How wonderful if some of these men could meet today and recall the happy visit to Toc H and the no less memorable return visit we paid to that famous battleship.

JIMMY ALLEN

London, N.W.6.

Ernie says :



Design for Scouting

JOHN GOSS

For many years a member of the Toc H Central Executive and at present City Commissioner for Scouting in Portsmouth, John Goss takes a look at the recent radical changes in Scouting.

IN 1963 THE CHIEF SCOUT invited twenty-four widely experienced Scout Leaders, all under 45 years of age, to form a commission to be known as the Chief Scout's Advance Party in order—

To study all aspects of the future of Scouting and to make recommendations, after consultation with the Movement, to the Chief Scout as to the development of the Movement, both in the immediate future and for the 1970's.

Among the members were a doctor, architect, solicitor, barrister, television engineer, stockbroker, sales director, insurance official, civil servant, bank official, and more than one representative of the Services, farming, education and commerce. (What a Toc H Branch that would be!) The Advance Party met for the first time in January, 1964, and continued to meet, mostly at week-ends, both together and in various sub-committees and working parties for over two years. They listened to evidence, made visits, studied reports and letters from members of the Movement, and drew on the findings of university sociological surveys as well as making experiments with selected Cub Packs and Scout Troops. The cost was met largely by a grant of £10,000 by the Wolfson Foundation.

The Advance Party has now made its report*—a massive document of some 200,000 words—covering all aspects

**Advance Party Report*, The Scout Shop, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1, 45s. (plus postage 4s. 6d.); Abridged Edition 8s. 6d. (postage 1s.).

of Scouting and recommending sweeping changes in the organisation and method of the Movement without compromising the spiritual demands made on the young Scout. It is difficult in a short article to deal with all the changes envisaged but they all reflect the realisation that the setting in which the Movement was founded has changed. Cities have expanded, scientific and technical pursuits have developed, reading habits have changed—the boy lives in a different world. And in its attempt to adapt itself to a new age Scouting has shown that it really is a *movement* and that the Advance Party was aptly named.

New Uniform

The change which has attracted most publicity, and delighted the cartoonists, is the new uniform. Shorts will be worn only by Cub Scouts (no longer "Wolf Cubs"); all other boys and men will wear long trousers and a more simply cut, less military-like, shirt, although the kilt will continue to be permitted in Scotland and Northern Ireland. The new uniform will be worn on formal occasions, and be regarded as the normal wear generally, but emphasis is laid on the fact that the guiding principle will be that at all times the dress worn should be appropriate to the particular activity being undertaken.

The term "boy" is to be dropped from the title and, once the legal problems are sorted out, the Movement will be called "The Scout Association". It will consist essentially of three Training Sections:—Cub Scouts from 8 to 11, Scouts from 11 to 16, and Venture Scouts from 16 to 20. The Movement will still be based on a Law and Promise. The Scout Promise is essentially the same as before but will now be used by Cub Scouts as well, emphasising that all are members of the one Movement. To the same end there will be only one form of salute for the whole Movement. The language of the Scout Law has been modernised and simplified, and the number of laws reduced from ten to seven. The Cub Law has been similarly simplified and made more realistic for the younger boy.

Completely new training schemes have been devised for each Section, and the chapters dealing with these are the most closely reasoned and imaginative of the whole report. I am sure that Baden-Powell would have been delighted with the careful planning and progressive thinking that has gone into preparing the new scheme. The "Jungle" image is out except in the very early stages for Cub Scouts, and the Advance Party took note of evidence and surveys



Scout Cubs at the gala organised jointly by the Scout and Guide Association and Toc H at Kirkheaton, Yorks. The Branch was in good part responsible for the formation of the Scouts and Guides earlier this year.

that boys of primary school age are now much more interested in science fiction, animal and adventure stories than in Mowgli and Kim. The training scheme for Cub Scouts is much more demanding than before and covers twelve areas of activity, many of which feature the beginnings of physical and biological sciences as utilised in exploration and adventure.

The core of the Movement will continue to be the Scout Section but the training will be revitalised. The open

air life is not to be abridged but there will be a much freer choice of activities. Centres will be set up to provide opportunities for sailing, caving, potholing, climbing, gliding and electronic engineering. There will be a new scheme of progressive training with greater emphasis on personal achievement and a new proficiency badge scheme, and all Scouts will be expected to do some form of community service. The Patrol System—now widely accepted far beyond Scouting—will be retained but made more realistic with the Patrol Leader taking his part as a senior and privileged member of the Troop with executive responsibility.

Venture Scouting

The most radical change is the introduction of the Venture Scout Section, merging the former Senior and Rover Scouts. Its aim is to complete the progressive training of the other two sections "and to ensure that its members are given every opportunity and encouragement to take their place in society as young men of standing and worth". It is adult in concept and the Venture Scouts will govern themselves through an elected committee and organise their own programmes. The training scheme is extensive, is given an adult flavour by a wider range of activities, a considerable freedom of choice, and the adoption of more advanced standards.

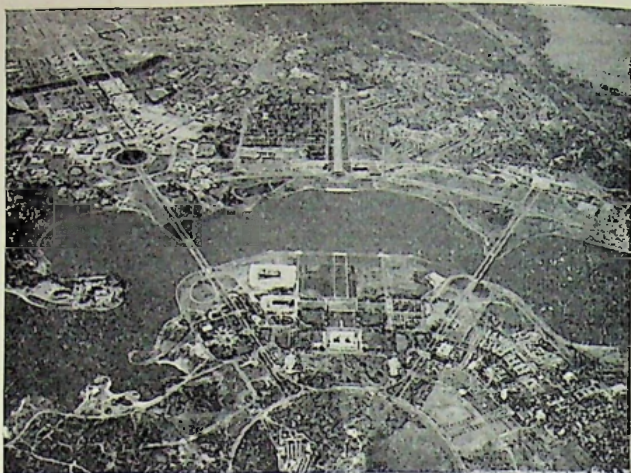
Perhaps the most important innovation (Toc H Branches please note!) is the introduction of a Minimum Standards Scheme applicable to all Sections. Each Section will be required to have not less than a specified number of members, to have not less than a certain number of Leaders and Instructors, and to attain certain progress standards in any one year. Similarly standards will be laid down for Leaders (no longer "Scoutmasters") who will initially hold a Permit for a maximum of two years, during which the holder must complete a specified course of training before a Leader Warrant is issued, and a maximum age limit of 65 will be introduced.

There is much more in the Report concerning organisational detail at local, county, and national level. Supporters' Associations are to be introduced and Scout and Guide Clubs developed. Problems of finance, public relations, paid staff, co-operation with Girl Guides, and many other topics are surveyed at length. There is no doubt that the Advance Party has done its work well—perhaps too well, in that there is almost too much to take in at once.

The changes will be phased over the next three years and the new look will not be apparent to the outsider immediately. For the changes to be effective many more leaders of high quality will be required, and I would like to think that Toc H could see this as a challenge to re-establish the close liaison we once had with Scouting. My active Scouting days are now numbered and my one regret on reading the Report is that I am not thirty years younger. The transition period will not be easy for those of us actively involved but the proposals are challenging and exciting, and I believe they will be successful. The Movement is to be congratulated for being prepared to take such a long hard look at itself and to make sweeping changes without compromising its ideals, and to expect to go on looking. As the Advance Party conclude: "Those who lead it must be seeking constantly for new opportunities and methods in a changing world, for only in this way will the Scout Movement continue to meet the needs of each successive generation and deserve success and recognition as a major partner in the Nation's Youth Service."

Hovis

the golden heart of every meal



Aerial view of Canberra, Australia's national capital, where this year's World Chain of Light begins on December 11.

WORLD CHAIN OF LIGHT

JOHN JANS

IN KEEPING with its world-embracing character the World Chain of Light will this year once again start in the country of its origin. Not on this occasion in the original city of Perth, capital of Western Australia, but in Canberra, the national capital.

This newest of cities in this new land was but a stretch of virgin bush at the turn of the century. Now it's a small thriving metropolis of ninety thousand people, increasing at the rate of eleven per cent each year. Conceived out of the federation of the Australian states in 1900, and because of the unyielding rivalry between the two major cities, Melbourne and Sydney, Canberra has grown at a rapid pace. Once it was rightly thought to

be a "city without a soul", but in recent years it has become more cosmopolitan, warmer and friendlier. In such a new and developing city one might expect the scope for Toc H to be limited, but Harley McKean, the Branch Secretary, writes:

Our Branch is full of steam at the present time which is not surprising with the Reverend Cyril Reeve in the Chair. He is undeniably a Toc H personality in his own right. The work has about as much variety as a supermarket, and perhaps other Branches may be interested to hear something about it.

In the past two years we have nominated no less than seven families from the old country and they are now living in Canberra. Another two families have since been nominated. Where necessary, we have found accommodation for them, and in every case we have arranged employment for them and have assisted the families to settle in.

We have also been assisting an Aboriginal Settlement at Wreck Bay on the New South Wales coast. Through our approach to the Department of the Interior many improvements have been made at the Settlement. After putting an advertisement in the local newspaper for toys that could be repaired, the response was immediate and we received numerous trikes, scooters, dolls' prams, pedal cars, etc. These were all fixed up at weekends before Christmas and a van load of toys was sent down to the 60 Aboriginal children at the Settlement.

Not long ago we received a donation of £100 from an unexpected source and most of this was expended on specialised pre-school equipment for the Wreck Bay Settlement. The Navy boys from Jervis Bay were co-opted in the work of fitting up the equipment.

To provide for a supply of daily newspapers for the old folks at the Goodwin Centre in Canberra, our Branch collects about £80 each year from friends and organisations in our city. And then our Branch is actively represented on the Canberra Rehabilitation Committee. Not only do we assist prisoners after their release, but we keep in touch with their families during their detention.

The usual activities of chopping wood for aged people and mowing lawns, etc., are routine jobs all the time, as are film shows and concerts at the Old Folks' Home.

The need for Toc H work abounds in every street, everywhere. You might say, "Why go looking for trouble?" But this is no trouble for us, it's a pleasure. We are very happy in our work and we extend our sympathy to any Branch that has nothing much to do. There is a certain cure for this: "Seek and ye shall find."

The Branch acted as hosts to the Australian Jubilee Conference of Toc H in January of 1965 and will be hosts again to a similar Conference in 1967. Internationally, Canberra is becoming the doorstep to Australia for politicians, diplomats, defence personnel and scholars and thus this "no ordinary city" is well fitted to light the worldwide flame of no ordinary movement.

Friends of Dor Knap

FRANK KIRK

ALTHOUGH the Friends of Dor Knap Association has got off to a good start, we are finding that far too many members and Branches have never heard of Dor Knap. The purpose of the Friends may be defined thus:—

To sustain their common interest in Dor Knap and to encourage others to join.

By their subscriptions and any modest money-raising efforts they can promote, to assist the finances and in turn the facilities of the Centre.

¶ *To remember the Centre in their prayers, that its influence may continue to spread throughout Toc H.*

If you have been to Dor Knap you will have experienced the fellowship and goodwill that abound when a really good mixture of men are able to work and play together, and you will be anxious to become a Friend. If you haven't been there, do try and join one of the weekend parties. If you know nothing at all about it,

(1) read your JOURNAL regularly; (2) arouse your District and Area representatives to enlighten you; (3) write to the Secretary of the Friends of Dor Knap Association to find out all about it and how you can join.

Friends are not limited to members of Toc H or the Women's Association; all who share our conviction about the work being done at Dor Knap will be welcome on equal terms. The house can now cater for mixed parties of limited numbers.



'Tommy' Trinder, Warden of Dor Knap, demonstrates the new Flymo 'hovercraft' mower, a recent gift which is just the job for grassy banks.

From money received we have already been able to supply a certain amount of crockery and help in the buying of a food mixer for the kitchen; we have also provided a large vacuum cleaner for the house and two wash basins for the shower room. But for further help to Dor Knap training centre we need more members. If you are interested please write to the Secretary, Frank Kirk, 153 Welbeck Road, Long Eaton, Nottingham. Tel.: L.E. 3579.

Elder Brethren

we will remember them

- Baker**—In August, Humphrey Lawrence Peto Baker, aged 79, of Crewkerne Branch. Elected 1928.
- Banham**—In July, Arthur Walter Banham, aged 52, of Sheringham Branch. Elected 1936.
- Beecroft**—On July 16, Harry Kaye Beecroft, aged 76, formerly of Lindley Branch. Elected 1958.
- Bellerby**—On August 12, Norman Henry Bellerby, aged 69, of Kettering Branch, formerly of Stanley Branch. Elected 1952.
- Bridgman**—On July 16, Archibald John Bridgman, aged 79, a founder member of Broadway Branch. Elected 1934.
- Bush**—On July 27, Ernest Arthur Bush, aged 81, of Barking Branch. Elected 1954.
- Cooper**—On July 31, Squadron-Leader Albert Edward Cooper, R.A.F. (Retd.), aged 56, of Hitchin Branch. Elected 1959.
- Cooper**—On June 14, Harry George Cooper, aged 90, a founder member of Maltby-le-Marsh Branch. Elected 1949.
- Hine**—On August 4, Alfred Hine, of Hoveton & Wroxham Branch, formerly of Slough and Datchet Branches. Elected 1922.
- Hoole**—In July, Percy Clifford Hoole, aged 75, of Sheringham Branch. Elected 1960.
- Kennedy-Cox**—On July 27, Col. Sir Reginald Kennedy-Cox, C.B.E., J.P., aged 85, a Central General member. Elected 1922.
- Law**—On July 17, Wilfred Law, aged 70, of Corby Branch. Elected 1964.
- Lewis**—On March 19, William Lewis, aged 86, of Dolgellau Branch. Elected 1956.
- Mudie**—On July 23, James Nicoll Mudie, aged 70, a Scottish General member. Elected 1935.
- Parry**—On July 20, William F. Parry, aged 80, of Dartford Branch. Elected 1930.
- Smith**—On June 27, Arthur John Smith, aged 76, formerly of Norbury Branch. Elected 1926.
- Smith**—On August 16, James Daniel Smith, aged 55, of Croydon Branch. Elected 1959.
- Tingle-Fish**—On July 11, Cyril Tingle-Fish, aged 61, of Oughtibridge Branch. Elected 1962.
- Wallis**—On May 18, Richard Ernest Wallis, aged 81, of Crowborough Branch. Elected 1956.

Etembeni Takes Root

DON McKENZIE

THE ETEMBENI AFTER-CARE PROJECT was launched as far back as 1961 and months of planning and preparation now lie behind us. From 1961 to 1965 some £6,321 was spent. The help given by Toc H in the United Kingdom and in South Africa has now materially assisted us in continuing to bring some meaning to an old Chinese proverb: —

*"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day;
Teach a man to fish and you feed him for many days."*

The basic concept of our After-Care project is not to grant charity in the normal acceptance of the word, but to help those who help themselves. The aim is to stimulate in the minds of those who have been patients at Botha's Hill a thirst for knowledge—to know the nature and causes of tuberculosis and, once the facts have been established in their minds, to seek a remedy. One of these remedies is not only to appreciate food values, but to produce nutritious food on land which hitherto has been regarded as infertile. Our Home Visitors call upon discharged patients and, where they find a desire to develop their gardens, our Agricultural Demonstrator pays a follow-up call to make an assessment of potentiality and in what way we can assist. Now that the Etembeni Project has been financially helped by many generous donors, we are able to continue our offer of assistance and indeed move forward.

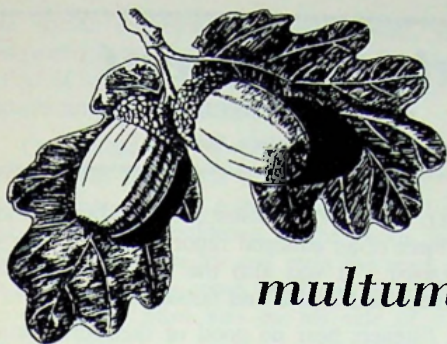
Our first enquiry came from Tom Mapumulo. In the days that he spent at the Settlement he had followed the work of the Agricultural Demonstrator with great interest and, being a courageous man with two wives and fifteen children, he was anxious that disease should not

stalk through his household in the hills of Inanda, a few miles north of Durban. His home lay within a stone's throw from the river. Fencing materials and gardening utensils were made available from the Fund. Samuel Kuzwayo, the Agricultural Demonstrator, visited him regularly during the period of the layout of his trench garden and, with an abundance of labour from his family, he has now a flourishing garden consisting of cabbages, cauliflowers, green peas, potatoes, Swiss chard, brinjals, tomatoes and beetroot.

There is also Jacob Made, a chronic T.B., whose wife has for some years struggled to produce food for herself and her family with little success. On Jacob's discharge from the Settlement, he approached us to ascertain whether assistance could be granted him to protect his garden from the herds of goats and also to show him how to produce nutritious food from soil which cannot be regarded as fertile. This project has necessitated a number of journeys and, with help willingly given, he has been assisted with fencing materials and gardening utensils. The hope is that he will produce food in the winter months. Traditionally, according to the Zulu custom, this has been regarded as one of the agricultural impossibilities; our aim is to show him that it is possible. At the present time Jacob and his wife are the proud owners of a garden which is producing food for the family.

A great deal of survey work must be done before a garden is started and care must be taken to make a correct assessment, not only of the ex-patient's continued interest, not only of his capacity to understand the reason for producing nutritious foods for the family, but also of the ability of the Settlement to be in a position to offer help to those who are interested in helping themselves.

¶ With your help we are continuing in this long-term policy. Others are interested and are seeking assistance, but all must be carefully investigated before any action is taken. It is a job of work unique in Toc H traditions.



multum in parvo

OCTOBER. A reminder that this is the last month in the Toc H financial year. An opportunity now to reach targets and break records.

B.A.O.R. Men and women are still required for appointment to Toc H Services Clubs in Germany. Drivers particularly welcome. Enquiries: General Secretary, at Headquarters.

The Rev. **KEITH BECK**, formerly Methodist Minister at Fleet, Hants. and Padre of Hartley Wintney Branch, has joined the staff and is Western Regional Padre.

NEIL MCNEIL has been appointed Regional staff member for Scotland.

The Rev. **JOHN O. C. ALLEYNE**, lately Chaplain of Clare College, Cambridge, has taken up his appointment in Bristol as a member of the Bishop of Bristol's Social and Industrial Team and Padre to the Toc H Centre.

E. (TED) CURRY, 6 Staple Hall Road, Bletchley, Bucks., has been appointed H.A.C., Beds and Herts, as his predecessor, **RALPH THORNE**, has moved from the Area.

The Rev. **JOHN GINGELL** has moved to Liverpool and is now Northern Regional Leader. His address is 59 Greenhill Road, Liverpool 18 (Allerton 1818).

The Rev. **VICTOR IRWIN**, Mark Padre at Leicester and Curate of Holy Trinity Church, is now resident in Mark XI.

T. E. O. O. (TED) SCROPE-HOWE, Appeals Organiser, Northern Region, is based on the Regional Office, Manchester.

CHARLES H. WAKE has resigned his appointment as H.A.C. South Western Area. All correspondence for the time being to **REG. D. SMITH**, 11 Cranbrook Road, Exeter.

Fair Comment

COLIN CAMPBELL

Toc H Public Relations Secretary

THE TOC H STALL at the Westminster Abbey Market and Fair was the subject of an editorial report in last month's issue of the JOURNAL. It was also the subject of much favourable comment both inside and outside Dean's Yard.

Traditionally, listeners hear no good of themselves but some of the remarks that were overheard were distinctly encouraging. "Ah! Toc H!" The lady who had just spotted the stall put such a wealth of approving recognition into her tone that even harassed helpers could scarce forbear to cheer. Nothing baffled or bewildered about *her* reaction.

A snatch of conversation between two senior school-boys was illuminating. "All I know about it really is that I'm going on one of their projects. A friend of mine went on one last year and it seemed a good thing to do." The staff man on duty spoke to them. They had both met Toc H at school and accepted it as "a good thing". "Was it Toc H that was running the gypsy project? That sounded interesting."

From behind a helper who was too busy serving to identify the speaker came another positive voice. "You know! They're the people who run all those projects." Is this the picture that Toc H is presenting to younger people today? Does it mean that the all too prevalent ignorance of and apathy to Toc H that has gone hand in hand with falling membership is being replaced at last by recognition and interest?

One young lady from Texas quizzed the squad engaged in setting up the stall before the Market opened. Her interest was unmistakable. "I wish we had something like this back home. We could do with it." Involved

in social rehabilitation work herself, she knew from experience the desperate need for the kind of friendship Toc H offers. She came back on opening day to ask more and collect literature.

One could tell of other encounters. The stall sold more than the goods displayed upon it. There is little doubt that there is a market for Toc H itself. A touch of pride and confidence in the goods, readiness to put them on show, to try and meet the need of the customer and above all to come out from the recesses behind the counter and meet him on his side of it, these lead to willing buyers.

The writer once watched a grocer friend doing a steady trade in tins of fruit. "A special line?" "Oh, no. They've been in the cellar for ages. Nothing wrong with them. I just brought them out, polished them up a bit and stacked 'em where the customer can't miss 'em. It works every time."

Stack 'em where the customer can't miss 'em! The content of Toc H is as good as ever it was. Polished up a bit, given a bit of sparkle and presented in modern fashion and the appeal is there. Two other facets of stall experience were interesting. People quickly gathered round and bought more readily when a new carton was brought out and opened. And goods with a specific local flavour attracted.

It would be wrong to make too much of one week, yet the comments and queries at Westminster were but part of a mounting experience. In the current jargon, a new image is getting across; Toc H appears less of a relic and more of a reality to those for whom memory does not hold the door.

The onus is upon Toc H itself to make the most of its market. Away from the immediate environment of the stall, overheard in the crowd, somebody looking for something special was advised: "Have you tried the Toc H Stall? They've probably got it." Fair comment?

The Treasurer's Tale

BOB HARVEY

A fabulous story for the financially minded

THERE WAS ONCE a man who lived in the far north of his country. This man had many kindred scattered far and wide over the far north of the country in which they lived. Now this man and his kindred were members of a great Guild, a Guild of Christian peoples of many different Churches. These peoples lived in a troubled world, and they believed that their Guild could show the nations of the earth how to live together as brethren and in peace.

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Now it was the task of this man to collect from his kindred the dues which they owed to the Guild, but certain of his kindred would pay but little, and others would pay nothing. This troubled the man exceedingly and he entreated his kindred, saying, "Pay into the Guild the dues which you owe, or else the work of the Guild cannot prosper and it will die, and a great darkness will come upon the earth." But certain of his kindred paid no heed, and would not pay their dues.

And the men who lived in the far north of their country chose certain men from their midst and these men undertook a journey to the great city in the south of the neighbouring country, where they held council with elders of the Guild from many different parts of the country. But the elders of the Guild mocked the men who lived in the far north of their country and despitely used them, saying, "Thy kindred in the far north of thy country will not pay the dues which they owe to the Guild. Therefore what right hast thou to hold council with us,

and to say what the Guild shall do and what it shall not do?"

Then the man whose task it was to collect the dues was sorely troubled, and one night a voice called out to him in the darkness, saying, "Thou fool, knowest thou not that it is exceedingly difficult for thy kindred to pay thee much money in dues but once in every year. Canst thou not see that it is much easier for them to pay thee a much smaller amount at the waxing or waning of each moon?"

And in the morning the man arose and sent a message to all his kindred in the far north of his country, beseeching them to divide their dues into twelve equal portions and to deliver to him one portion at the waxing or waning of each moon.

His kindred marvelled at his wisdom and did as he besought them, saying, "Truly this man hath great wisdom and hath made our path smooth." And the news of this travelled into the neighbouring country and beyond, even across the great waters, and all the people of the Guild did likewise, so that the Guild became exceedingly powerful and its counsel was heeded by kings and princes; and a great peace settled over the face of the earth and all men lived together as brothers.

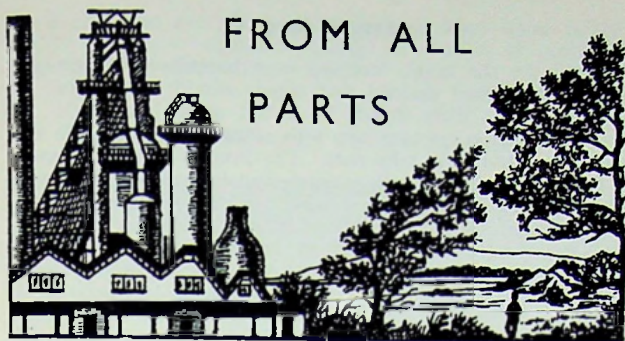
Mark Well!

The extension of Mark XX, Putney, giving it sixteen more beds, is forging ahead. The roof is about to go on and a connection with the main house is under construction. What's more, the garden is being re-planned for next year, and will be all the better for a fresh start. But there's still quite a bit of the cost to raise, and your contribution would be welcome—especially if we've not dunned you yet!

Rules of the Rude

DON DAVIS

1. Don't attend the meetings regularly.
2. If you do go, go late.
3. Make a noisy entry, and disturb the meeting.
4. Don't think of going when the weather is bad.
5. If you do go, find fault with the Officers.
6. Never accept an office; it is easier to find fault.
7. Get sore if you are not elected, however.
8. If the Chairman asks for your opinion, say nothing; afterwards, tell everyone how it ought to be done.
9. Do nothing more than necessary. When others work, say the Branch is being run by a clique.
10. Delay paying your subs as long as possible, or better still don't pay at all.
11. Don't bother about getting new members, let the Secretary do it.
12. When a Supper is arranged, say it's a waste of money. If nothing is arranged, say the Branch is dead.
13. If you make a suggestion, make sure it's impracticable, then threaten to resign if it's rejected.
14. Don't tell the Branch how it can help you, but if it doesn't help you, resign.
15. Carry out the above rules faithfully and well, and you'll be invited to the funeral.



AREA NEWS

EAST ANGLIA

For many years Norfolk members have staffed the Stockmen's Canteen at the Royal Norfolk Show, with a twenty-four hour service for the many workers, attendants, police, etc., not otherwise catered for, providing not only the canteen but somewhere to relax between duties, and late night entertainment.

This year, in appreciation of its services, Toc H was offered a free site for its Stand—an invaluable opportunity to show Toc H to the public. A colourful and impressive motif, devised and erected by Percy Robinson, was at the entrance, which was emblazoned with a score of banners. Inside were action photographs and literature and in the background the 'taped' voices of members could be heard asserting their belief and experiences in Toc H. In the forecourt was a large model of the Mid-Norfolk camp for underprivileged boys from Leicester, and donations were received in return for a Toc H pen—a reminder that the Movement promotes friendship.

A display on behalf of the Friends of Vellore was a 'spectacle' in itself, and scores of pairs of spectacles were handed in for re-use in India. Nearby was a model of the Mundesley Putting Green which is manned entirely by members and friends, bringing regular contributions to the Family Purse. Unobtrusively in the background stood "Martha", providing cups of tea. A visitors' book ensured that contact could be maintained with enquirers and friends.

ALAN BROOKE

BEDS & HERTS

Stung by the taunt "nothing ever happens in Bletchley" the local Council decided that things would be different in 1966 and that there should be a full week's Carnival. In due time Toc H, in common with other organisations in the town, was invited to take part. The Branch decided to enter a float in the Carnival Procession, and had at once a ready-made subject—the Jubilee project, a Scented Garden, now taking shape hard by St. Mary's Church. A framework of timber and hardboard papered to simulate bricks was devised and constructed, largely by our do-it-yourself expert, Albert Harrington, and potted ferns and flowers were borrowed from the local nurserymen. The whole was mounted on a truck, with two garden seats, and a Toc H Lamp fastened to the back of the cab. It was duly entered for the judging and the Procession through the town. Alas, no prize was won, but rumour has it that had the Branch invited half a dozen old folk to occupy the benches the verdict might have been different!

TED CURRY

WEST MIDLANDS

Camps Galore! This has proved an exceptional summer for camps and four are worthy of special mention, mainly because of the degree of co-operation. Within the Area there was the annual camp, in which SOUTH BIRMINGHAM and the COTSWOLD Districts co-operated to provide a week's holiday for some forty lads from Birmingham, held in a field at the rear of Dor Knap (a major 'co-operator' being Tommy Trinder, the Warden). Lads and lassies of Mobile Action at WANTAGE ran a camp on their school playing fields for some ten children from Aston, Birmingham, selected by the Branch Padre and transported by ASTON Branch members. Local tradesmen gave loads of free milk and food and co-operation came from Wantage Rotary who paid for a trip for the children.

SANDWELL took a party of boys to Southend-on-Sea, with the encouragement and help of local units. A new type of summer project was launched by an ex-Clayton Volunteer, helped by boys and girls from affiliated schools, Winants, and other Volunteers. This was a three weeks' Schools Holiday programme for which the Educational Authorities lent the local primary school, gave financial support, and loaned equipment. There were indoor and outdoor games, trips to places of interest, shows, and so on. The common factor in all these projects was the re-discovery that so much is to

be gained and everything is so exciting when there is the widest possible co-operation, giving all manner of people a chance to play their part.

GEORGE LEE

TOC H SERVICES CLUBS, B.A.O.R.



Mrs. Sylvia Zetche (in background) and the British and German staff with some of their unexpected Territorial guests at Verden Toc H Services Club.

On a stormy evening some Territorials arrived at the VERDEN Club just as it was about to close, but as they were wet, tired and hungry, the Warden, Mrs. Sylvia Zetche, and the entire staff, British and German, immediately went into action in the kitchen, and opened the gift and book shops before sending them on their way. For good measure they were each given a wooden rat (Hamelin, of Pied Piper fame, is not far up river from Verden). Not only did the men call in again to tender their thanks but one wrote to the Warden from Swansea on behalf of them all "... The rats are doing all right except that they haven't produced any young yet! All the boys send you their love and hope that we may come back to see you before the end of the year. . . . If so I and the rest will come hot foot and knock on your front door for tea and cakes. Look after yourselves. God Bless."

CYRIL MINCHINTON

OXFORD & THAMES VALLEY

READING & CAVERSHAM Branch has run, for the second year in succession, an indoor camp at Brading Youth Centre, Isle of Wight, for boys who would not otherwise have had a summer holiday. Twenty-three youngsters from Reading, Bristol, Cardiff and London took part. The cost was met by part of the proceeds of a mammoth jumble sale held by the Branch. A coach took the boys from Reading to Portsmouth where they boarded a boat for the island.

During the week they visited Bembridge Lifeboat Station, explored the centuries-old Castle at Carisbrooke, made a boat trip round the southern tip of the island (thanks to Sandown Toc H) and, despite unpredictable weather, managed some bathing and rambling. Two gallant 'aunties' took charge of the catering, which included a birthday party for one of the boys. 'Uncle George' (Jennings) won the nobbly knees contest at Alfie the Town Crier's Show at Shanklin and, to the cheers of the boys, fulfilled the condition for claiming his prize by dancing the can-can.

PETER D. V. SHOCK

NOTTS & DERBY

The NOTTS & DERBY AREA CENTRE is now used by West Indians, a Drama Group, a Trade Union, Telephone Samaritans, a Cheshire Homes Committee and a highly effective Cancer Flag Day Committee. One thing that pleases us is that the Mobile Action Group has adopted both the Centre and Nottingham City Branch, rather than the other way round. The younger generation has also been involved in four other activities this summer. There was a camp for the under-privileged, also the Derby and the North Nottingham boys' camps (both during the monsoon!). The Derby camp included two members from Poperinge, Ignace Ingelaere and Pol Deshodt.

ASHFIELD District Team, with MABLETHORPE (Lincs.) Branch, gave a day at the seaside to severely physically handicapped children from Thieve's Wood Special School, Newstead. WORKSOP Branch has taken an active interest in flying, and have actually been up. We know of the "Flying Doctor"—shall we now see "Flying Toc H"?

In its first year ORSTON Group has made its mark in the locality; it held a Donkey Derby at which Mr. Phillip Holland, M.P., presented the prizes. You should have seen the donkeys going over the fences, and the Orston Secretary



And another rider bites the dust! A scene at Orston group's Donkey Derby and Grand National Steeplechase.

winning first prize. Our staff man won the second prize in a raffle, but there is no truth in the tale that you can't enter his house because you're thrown out by the cheese!

A first class job is being done by Leonard Gill, a Marksman in Nottingham, who is Chairman of the local Multiple Sclerosis Society. You should see its members in the water, it's only then that you appreciate the buoyancy of water. The patience of those who do the teaching is wonderful. If you can swim how about finding out where your local disabled folk go and offering to help?

BERT BOWRING

SURREY AND SUSSEX

"Out in the fresh air" could well be the theme from these two Areas. Two jobs initiated in Jubilee Year are the highlights, and both great successes. First the East Sussex Deaf and Dumb boys' camp at Bodiam, with the boys and staff all together in an oast house, which helped the success of the project no end. Secondly, another boys' camp, almost twice the size of the Jubilee year one, organised by Surrey Area.

The forty-six boys (one totally blind) were recommended by Family Service Units in London and spent a week under canvas at Pepper Harrow Park, near Godalming. Looking back, well, it was fun. A full-time staff of eleven Toc H members and several more for odd days, plus five male and six female full-time volunteers, saw the project through, with all the Branches and groups in the Area coming to run the evening activities. Four police cadets loaned by the Chief Constable of Surrey were a tower of strength.

Our new Joint group at BANSTEAD held a very preliminary meeting and only four days later were at the opening of the new W.V.S. Winged Fellowship Holiday Home for the Handicapped, helping the first arrivals. The new EAST GRINSTEAD Joint group has also helped there, joining in the rota of Branches responsible for entertainment on Friday evenings.

More handicapped people in the open air when TOLWORTH & THE DITTONS group shared in the entertainment of about 150 sufferers brought to Chessington Zoo by Toc H and the Barnet & District Multiple Sclerosis Society.

We are glad to have with us in Sussex Charles Potts—one time Toc H Commissioner in Uganda—now involved with the new group at CHICHESTER.

RAY FABES



On the Wigmore (Gillingham) Branch exhibition stand at the local fête members demonstrated their alarm bell scheme for the handicapped and aged.

Toc H Christmas Cards

Two designs have been prepared for this year and supplies are now ready for mailing to overseas friends. Each design, complete with envelopes, 6s. 0d. per dozen, plus postage and packing (1s. 0d. for up to 2 dozen cards, 1s. 6d. over 2 dozen.)

CARD 'A'—A crested card, with the Lamp design die-stamped in gold on magenta octagon and greeting inside. Size 4" × 5½".

CARD 'B'—"Madonna with Child and Angels", blue on white, from an original design by Elizabeth Twistington Higgins. Published jointly by Toc H and Toc H Women's Association. Size 4" × 5".



"Madonna with Child and Angels"

Toc H Diaries

The 1967 edition of the Toc H Diary is now available. In a nutshell of 36 pages it condenses the essentials of Toc H and Toc H Women's Association, past and present, including Regional and Area Addresses, Ceremonies, Prayers, Training Centres, School and other Youth Activities, Financial Facts, etc. It also includes four pictorial pages and a sixteen-page Map Supplement of the United Kingdom and Eire. Indispensable to all members, men and women. 4s. 6d. or with pencil 5s., post free.

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